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UNCLAS VIENTIANE 0475

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SUBJECT: RETURN TO VILLAGE OF REFUGEES

FOLLOWING SENT ACTION CINCPAC, DIA 210802Z JAN 75 FROM USDAO

VIENTIANE REPEATED FOR YOUR ACTION

QUOTE

UNCLAS 9016-SE/JAN 75

SUBJ: RETURN TO VILLAGE OF REFUGEES

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION: THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE WAS APPROACHED BY THE FAR DCSLOG, MAJOR GENERAL SOURITH D. SASORITH, ON 16 JANUARY 1975, (:9,:34,8,& 5#3 43 355)3.3,5 9* 43*7&33 . HE SATED THAT HE HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE TO PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION ASSESTS TO MOVE 7,000 REFUGEES FROM BAN DONG AND BAN Y LAI IN THE VICINITY OF COORDINATES TF 3321 TO VIENTIANE AND THEN ON TO PHONG SAVAN IN THE VICINITY OF COORDINATES UG 1354.
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HIS RESPONSE TO THE MINISTER OF NATIONAL DEFENSE WAS THAT THE

PGNU SHOULD PROVIDE C
NTRACT TRUCKS FROM THE PRESENT AREA TO
VIENTIANE AND FUEL FOR THE ROYAL LAO GOVERNMENT'S C-123 AIR-
CRAFT (MAP END ITEMS) FOR FURTHER MOVEMENT TO PHONG SAVAN.
MG SOURITH ASKED OUR OPINION ABOUT THE USE OF THESE AIRCRAFT.
2. WE ADVISED THAT, IN OUR OPINION, THE USE OF CONTRACT TRUCKS
RATHER THAN MILITARY VEHICLES FOR THE MOVEMENT FROM THE PRESENT
LOCATION TO VIENTIANE WAS AN EXCELLENT IDEA. FURTHER, SINCE THE
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS THE PEACE ACCORDS, WE SAW NO
OBJECTION TO THE USE OF ROYAL LAOTIAN AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT FOR
THE MOVEMENT OF REFUGEES.
3. FUNDS FOR THE MOVEMENT MUST COME FROM THE UNITED NATIONS
TO DEFRAY DIRECT EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH THE USE OF THE C-123
AIRCRAFT. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT UN FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF APPROX
\$120,000 ARE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE C-123S DURING THIS MOVE.
COMMENT: REFUGEE RETURN TO VILLAGE AND PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT
HAS BEEN UNDER DISCUSSION FOR SOME TIME.
IN VIEW OF THE LIMITED TRANSPORTATION NETWORK IN
LAOS WE WERE EXPECTING THE MILITARY TO GET SOME SORT OF TASKING
IN CONNNECTION WITH THIS MOVE. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT
USE OF UN FUNDS CARRIES INSPECTION OF RE-LOCATION SITES
AS A PREREQUISITE. UNQTE KISSINGER

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